

RECEIVED  
JAN 14 2004  
TC 1700

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 5636.0030  
Express Mail No. EV 326693130 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
)  
Akira ISHIBASHI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1713  
)  
Application No.: 09/210,539 ) Examiner: K. C. Egwim  
)  
Filed: December 14, 1998 )  
)  
For: FORMED ARTICLE OF )  
BIODEGRADABLE RESIN )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

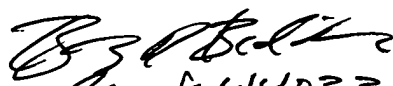
Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to reply to the Final Office Action of August 6, 2003. Please debit our Deposit Account No. 06-0916 for the \$420.00 fee.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

01/09/2004 CNGUYEN 00000113 060916 09210539  
01 FC:1252 420.00 DA

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

By:   
Lori Ann Johnson  
Reg. No. 34,498

Dated: January 6, 2004

FINNEGAN  
HENDERSON  
FARABOW  
GARRETT &  
DUNNER LLP

1300 I Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.408.4000  
Fax 202.408.4400  
www.finnegan.com